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Note verbale dated 10 August 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), and has the honour to submit herewith the combined report of the Government of Cyprus concerning the implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 10 August 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Combined report of the Republic of Cyprus regarding the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007)

United Nations Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) have been adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus and their provisions have thus become binding in the domestic legal order of Cyprus. According to the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus, such regulatory decisions by the Council of Ministers are promulgated by publication in the official Gazette of the Republic.

Aside from publication, the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers to adopt the aforementioned resolutions were communicated to all Ministries and competent authorities for enforcement of the restrictive measures described therein.

In accordance with the measures imposed by the Security Council, the Central Bank of Cyprus has instructed the entire banking sector in Cyprus to comply with the provisions of the said resolutions by refraining from all transactions pertaining to the supply, sale and transfer of arms or other materiel included therein, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, as well as refraining from the provision or transfer of financial resources or services related to the use of the above-mentioned items, to any natural or legal person, entity or body, or for use, in the territory of Iran. The Central Bank has also instructed all banking institutions in Cyprus to freeze the funds or other economic resources that are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by persons indicated in resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007), and ensure that no funds, financial assets or economic resources are made available to them. Finally, the Central Bank has also brought to the attention of the Money-laundering Compliance Officers of all banks the list of persons who are subject to financial sanctions. The Unit for combating money-laundering of the Office of the Attorney General has also taken the necessary measures, including vis-à-vis supervisory bodies in the financial sector.

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, which is the competent authority for enforcing legislation relating to the export of military equipment and dual-use goods, will not issue licences in this respect that are not compatible with the said resolutions. The Police Force has also taken appropriate measures within its departments to enforce the provisions of resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007).

In addition to the implementation of the national measures outlined above, Cyprus has adopted all relevant European Union Council Common Positions and is enforcing European Union regulations concerning the restrictive measures imposed through resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007).